

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 1, line 6 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending international application number PCT/US99/28206 filed 29 November 1999, which claims the benefit of the filing date of priority to U.S. provisional application serial number 60/111,428 filed 8 December 1998, now abandoned.

Please replace the figure legend for FIG. 1 on page 6, lines 5-7, with the following amended figure legend:

FIG. 1A, FIG. 1B, FIG. 1C show the three bivariate log-log scatterplots that arise from pairwise comparisons of ~~shows a scatterplot matrix of~~ expression data for 588 genes, collected from estrogen-stimulated (ES), tamoxifen-sensitive (TS) and tamoxifen-resistant (TR) breast cancers. Data were collected as described in the EXAMPLES section. FIG. 1A is ES v. TS; FIG. 1B is ES v. TR; FIG. 1C is TS v. TR.